

**CALUINE HIGH SCHOOL**

# **GRADUATION GUIDE**

# **CLASS OF 2024**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS!**



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**GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY:**

**Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 9am**

**Performing Arts Center at Cosumnes Oaks high school**  
**8350 Lotz parkway**  
**Elk Grove, CA 95757**

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**Calvine High School  
Class of 2024  
Timeline to Graduation**

Dates	Event
Wednesday, April 10	Q4 Senior Meeting, 3 <sup>rd</sup> period
Friday, April 12	Progress Reports- Are you passing? MAKEUP MONDAY: April 15 <sup>th</sup>
May 6 & May 13	Makeup Monday
Tuesday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FIRST SENIOR CLEARANCE DAY</b> <i>Seniors in good standing can start the clearance process for graduation.</i>
Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> 10-12:30 pm in the park	<b>SENIOR SURPRISE</b> Only seniors cleared for graduation can participate.
Monday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Required Makeup Monday</b> Last day to clear graduation requirements in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.
Monday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FINAL SENIOR CLEARANCE DAY</b> All Seniors will be notified of graduation status via Synergy email by 4 pm. The message will include an invitation to the graduation rehearsal.
Tuesday, May 21 Q4 Senior Exit Day: noon Q4 Class Picture: 12:30 Rehearsal: 1 pm	<b>MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL</b> <i>To participate in the graduation ceremony, students are REQUIRED to attend the graduation rehearsal.</i>
Tues, May 21 (3-4 pm) Wed, May 22 (8 am -2 pm or until sold out)	<b>Graduation Ticket Sales</b>
<b>Thursday, May 23 at 9 am</b> Cosumnes Oakes HS Performing Arts Center	<b>GRADUATION CEREMONY</b>  (Grads arrive no later than 8:30 am)

April 11, 2024



## Calvine High School CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION GUIDE

Graduation is a special time for students and families, and the Calvine staff looks forward to celebrating this important milestone with our graduates. This graduation guide will assist with the preparation of your special day.

### **2024 Graduation Ceremony Dates/Times**

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2024

Time: 9 am (In the past, the average Calvine graduation ceremony was 45 minutes- 1 hour. Ceremony times vary)

Location: Cosumnes Oaks High School **Performing Arts Center (PAC)**, 8350 Lotz Parkway, Elk Grove 95757

### **GRADUATION REHEARSAL \*TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION, REHEARSAL IS REQUIRED\***

- **The graduation rehearsal is Tuesday, May 21, from 1:00-3:00 pm at Calvine High School.**
- Your attendance will serve as the official RSVP to participate in the ceremony.
- Students dismissed from rehearsal due to poor conduct will NOT participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Rehearsal requires a lot of standing and walking; wear comfortable shoes. Students are not allowed to carry bulky items during the practice or graduation.
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### **GRADUATION TICKETS**

- Each student will receive four free tickets after the graduation rehearsal.
- No replacement tickets are available if lost before graduation.
- **EVERYONE NEEDS A TICKET**, INCLUDING CHILDREN AND TODDLERS. Please encourage your guests to leave very young children with a sitter. Since young children occupy a seat, they will need a ticket to enter, and the ceremony is a long time for young children to sit quietly.
- Additional tickets are available to purchase for \$10 (cash only). **No refunds**
- Tickets will be sold at Calvine HS on Tuesday, May 21, at 3:30 pm. (after rehearsal), and Wednesday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until sold out. This is the only opportunity to purchase tickets; tickets will not be sold at the door.

### **GRADUATION ATTIRE**

The Elk Grove Unified School District is the official host of the graduation ceremonies; therefore, Calvine participants must adhere to district policies regarding graduation regalia.

### **STUDENTS WEARING IMPROPER ATTIRE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ON THE STAGE.**

- Calvin graduates must wear a solid black cap and gown with **NO ALTERATIONS**.
- Students may wear one pre-approved personal adornment (graduation stole) and Calvin HS regalia (school recognition cords). The form to request approval is attached.
- This is a formal event. Under the graduation gown, students should wear a dress shirt (ties look nice), slacks, a dress, and nice shoes.
- Graduates are not allowed to carry anything (no purse, flowers, etc.) or wear anything outside of their gown (corsage, boutonniere, pins, and *unapproved* personal stoles).
- Graduation attire can be purchased through Achievers (form enclosed).
- If you are not able to purchase online: **Achievers will be at Calvin High School on Tuesday, May 21, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm** to sell graduation attire (cap and gown is \$29.50, cash only)
- If students are unable to purchase a gown, the district will provide a loaner at no cost.

### **GRADUATES EXPECTATIONS**

- Follow all directives by Calvin High School staff before, during, and after the graduation ceremony.
- **Arrive on time; grads should report to the Cosumnes Oaks PAC by 8:30 am.**
- Students may not carry anything during the ceremony, including a purse, flowers, or gifts.
- Be quiet and respectful during the graduation ceremony, presentations, and performances. No beachballs or noisemakers.
- Keep their caps on at all times. **DO NOT THROW CAPS AT ANY TIME**
- Walk across the stage without making inappropriate hand gestures or body movements. Please show respect to all present.

### **GUEST INFORMATION**

- Respectful/polite behavior is requested towards the Class of 2024.
- **THE PAC DOES NOT PERMIT BALLOONS IN THE BUILDING.**
- No signs, noisemakers, or objects that will disrupt another guest.
- No food or drinks are permitted in the PAC.
- Flash photography is discouraged because it can be distracting. School Security will not allow audience members to enter the stage.
- At the end of commencement, please remain seated.

**Parents/Guardians, please review the expectations and check the content of your child's pockets.**

**Inappropriate behavior may result in withholding the student's diploma after the ceremony.**

### **PARKING AND ARRIVAL**

- Encourage guests to arrive early (8:30 a.m.) since the ceremony will start at 9:00 a.m., and seating is limited. Seating is first-come, first-served. Members of the audience should not "save" seats for late arrivals. The doors to the PAC will be closed at 9:00 a.m. for the opening ceremony and reopen at 9:15 a.m. for latecomers.

- Please note that several ceremonies are taking place at Cosumnes Oaks High School on the same day. The next ceremony is at 11 a.m. We recommend keeping your parking lot greetings brief to avoid incoming traffic.
- Reminder, this event is held on school grounds. Students and guests are expected to observe all district and school rules, including those regarding smoking, drinking, and inappropriate conduct. Law enforcement officials will help with the supervision of the ceremony and the parking lot.

### **DIPLOMAS**

- During the ceremony, students will receive an empty diploma cover.
- The official diploma will be distributed at Calvine High School on **Tuesday, May 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** If you are unable to attend, the Calvine Office will be open during summer hours (Monday - Thursday, 8:30-1 pm).
- Students must have outstanding debts to ALL EGUSD schools resolved before participating in graduation and receiving a diploma.

**Congratulations!  Please call (916) 689-7502 if you have any questions.**



## Calvine High School Graduation Adornment Letter & Application

April 10, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Elk Grove Unified School District's Board of Education recognizes that the diversity of our school communities enriches our schools, strengthens our students' educational experience, and helps to prepare them as global citizens. In order to acknowledge this diversity and support students' desire to demonstrate their individuality and personal expression, the Board of Education has authorized students' limited self-expression at high school graduation ceremonies.

Any student participating in his/her high school graduation ceremony may wear one single item of personal significance and/or individual expression during the ceremony. This item may represent the student's academic or extra-curricular participation and/or achievement in school or the student's personal characteristics of ethnicity, culture, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, nationality, race, color, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or military service.

Any such expression must meet certain criteria, however, outlined as follows:

- All students participating in the EGUSD graduation ceremonies shall wear a district approved cap, gown, and tassel, unless exempted for sincerely-held religious beliefs.
- A student's single item of personal significance and/or personal expression may be worn as an addition to the graduation tassel or as a separate lei, necklace, cord or stole around the neck or shoulders.
- Apart from adorning the tassel on the graduation cap, graduation caps, themselves, shall not be modified. Students may not adorn their graduation caps with any item of personal significance and/or personal expression.
- Any item affixed to the graduation tassel shall be inanimate, shall hang down from the tassel, and shall not exceed the size, length, or width of the tassel.
- Items worn around the neck or shoulders shall be one-dimensional, inanimate, and shall not exceed the width and length of district-issued honor stoles or cords.
- No item of expression shall be enhanced by audio, video, light or movement.

Consistent with Elk Grove Administrative Regulation 5127 and Board Policy 5145.2, the school site and/or district-level administration may prohibit at graduation ceremonies any item of personal significance and/or individualized expression that:

- Clearly and directly incites students to commit unlawful acts on school premises or at the graduation venue, violates school rules, invades the rights of other students or substantially disrupts the school's or ceremony's orderly operation.

- Includes any expression, words, material or content which are obscene, libelous or slanderous.
- Includes any use of “fighting words”, including epithets or gestures or depictions thereof.
- Includes language that is abusive and insulting rather than a communication of ideas and/or presents an actual danger that will cause a breach of the peace.
- Includes expression, words, material, or content that is discriminatory or harassing to other students, staff, or members of the public based upon those characteristics protected under Education Code 220 or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Penal Code section 422.55.
- Includes expression, words, material or content that infringe upon the rights of other students.

All items of personal significance and/or individual expression must be pre-approved by the school site principal or his/her designee. Upon approval from the site principal or designee, students will receive a confirmation of approval. Students must bring this confirmation to the graduation ceremony and have it available to present to site or district staff as verification of pre-approval. Please know that students who fail to have in their possession at the graduation ceremony evidence of pre-approval may be prohibited from wearing their item before and during the ceremony, including during the recessional at the end of the ceremony.

Should a student’s item not be approved, he/she will have the opportunity to appeal the denial and/or present an alternative item for approval prior to the graduation ceremony and in accordance with the district’s timeline. The immediate appeal shall be made to the school site principal. A meeting between the student and principal may be necessary. Should the denial be upheld by the principal, a subsequent appeal may be directed to appropriate district-level personnel.

If a student’s single item is not approved by the site principal or his/her designee during either the advance approval or appeal process, the student may be prohibited from wearing the item before and during the ceremony, including during the recessional.

Please feel free to contact the school at (916) 689-7502 if you have any questions or would like additional information regarding the parameters for personalized graduation attire adornment.

Sincerely,  
*Dr. Tobí Page*

Principal of Calvine High School



**Elk Grove Unified School District  
Personalized Graduation Attire Adornment  
Pre-Graduation Approval Form**

Directions: Complete all highlighted sections below. Submit this form to your school's vice principal's secretary no later than **MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024**.

<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Student ID:</b>
<b>Item Description (Attach picture):</b>	
<b>Reason/Significance for item:</b>	
<b>Student Signature</b>	<b>Parent/Guardian Signature</b>

The following portion is to be completed by school official after examining photo or actual item of adornment.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Parameters</u>
		1. Does the personalized graduation attire adornment require that the graduation cap and/or graduation gown be modified?
		2. Does the personalized graduation attire adornment exceed the size, width or length of the graduation tassel and/or graduation gown?
		3. Is the personalized graduation attire adornment enhanced by audio, video, light and/or movement?
		4. Is the personalized graduation attire adornment living and/or more than one-dimensional?
		5. Is there evidence to suggest that the personalized graduation attire adornment may incite students to commit unlawful acts on school premises, violate school rules, invade the rights of others students or substantially disrupt the school's orderly operation?
		6. Does the personalized graduation attire adornment contain any expression, words, material or content which are obscene, libelous or slanderous?
		7. Does the personalized graduation attire adornment contain any expression, words, material or content that may incite students to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises, or the violation of school rules?
		8. Does the personalized graduation attire adornment contain any use of "fighting words," including epithets or gestures, or depictions thereof, that the language is abusive and insulting rather than a communication of ideas, and presents an actual danger that will cause a breach of peace?
		9. Does the personalized graduation attire adornment include expression, words, material or content may be discriminatory or harassing to other students, staff, or members of the public based upon the characteristics of protected classes?
		10. Does the personalized graduation attire adornment include expression, words, material or content that infringe upon the rights of other students?

<b>Student Name:</b>	<b>Student ID:</b>		
<b>Item Description:</b>	<b>School Stamp</b>		
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Approved		Denied	
<b>Reason for Denial:</b>			
_____ School Official Signature			

**Personalized Graduation Attire  
Cheat Sheet**

Yes	No
School provided and/or purchased regalia	Swastika
Kente Cloth	Confederate Flag
Cross and/or other religious symbol	Gang Related Regalia (13, 14, Sur, Norte, etc...)
Lei (Flower, Candy, \$)	Any item exceeding stated physical parameters
Kukui Nut Necklace	Profanity/Obscenity
Feather	Nudity and/or Sexual Situations
Sports Necklace	Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco related
Pin	Representation of Noose
Flag Stole (Country)	Weapon
LGBTQ Stole, Pin, Necklace	
Hmong Necklaces	



## Calvine High School CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION CONTRACT

The following agreements ensure the day is positive for all members of the Calvine Community. Signing this agreement indicates your complete understanding and agreement to abide by the rules and expectations of the Elk Grove Unified School District and Calvine High School. **Students must submit a signed contract before graduation rehearsal.**

*Please initial and sign.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **GRADUATION ATTIRE**, I understand the graduation attire requirements:

- Calvine graduates must wear a solid black cap and gown with **NO ALTERATIONS**.
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- This is a formal event. Under the graduation gown, students should wear a dress shirt (ties look nice), slacks, a dress, and nice shoes.
- Graduates are not allowed to carry anything (no purse, flowers, etc.) or wear anything outside their gown (corsage, boutonniere, pins, and *unapproved* personal stoles).

\_\_\_\_\_ **GRADUATION ADORNMENT**, I understand the rules regarding personal graduation adornment and will abide by the Elk Grove Unified School District rules. I acknowledge that I was provided the opportunity to submit an application for personal graduation adornment and meet with the Calvine HS Administration before graduation.

\_\_\_\_\_ **GRADUATION BEHAVIOR**, I will abide by the rules and behavior expectations:

- Follow all directives by Calvine High School staff before, during, and after the graduation ceremony.
- Be quiet and respectful during the graduation ceremony, presentations, and performances. No beachballs or noisemakers.
- Keep your caps on at all times.
- Walk straight across the stage without making inappropriate hand gestures or inappropriate body movements. I will show respect to all present.

**I understand that failure to adhere to the agreed-upon rules and expectations could result in withholding my diploma and a formal meeting with the principal.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Student Name

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Date

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Print Parent/Guardian Name

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Date

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date